

■ **Food Pantry** — Our Mission Community’s ministry to the unfortunate of our area through the local Food Pantry program, administered by St. Martin Roman Catholic Church, Gaithersburg, is always in great need of non-perishable foods, baby food and supplies, and personal hygiene items. Hunger never takes a vacation or holiday.

■ **Appreciation Social Hour** — We will hold a special social hour following Divine Liturgy on May 7 in appreciation of our cantor, Larry Baranyi, and his wife, Debbie. Join us in the dining room of the Goshen House. We are seeking donations of food and refreshments and individuals to help with the setup and cleanup. Please see Marie Shanks for more information and/or to volunteer.



■ **Ascension Day Liturgy** — Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Ascension, a day of obligation, will be prayed on Thursday, May 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Mother of God School.

Divine Liturgy Schedule	
May 7	Our Ladys’ Chapel Goshen House 10 a.m. [Social Hour following Divine Liturgy]
May 14	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
May 21	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
May 25	Feast of the Ascension Mother of God School 7:30 p.m.

In the Liturgy we pray “for those who serve
and have served in this holy church.”
Until the happy day when we have our own temple
(grant it, O Lord!),
we will need men and women
to help with setup and takedown.

The signup sheet for May is now available
on the information table.

Thank you!

*Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered;
let those who hate Him flee from before His face.
As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish;
as wax melts before the fire.*
Psalm 68:1 & 68:21

Liturgy Propers

Third Sunday of Pascha
[Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers
and Joseph of Arimathea]
St. James the Greater
April 30, 2017
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Resurrection Troparion (p. 164)
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Troparion of the Feast — Tone 2 (p. 178)
Kontakion of the Feast — Tone 2 (p. 179)
Kontakion of the Resurrection — Tone 8 (p. 179)
Prokiemenon of the Feast — Tone 6 (p. 180)
New Testament Reading: Acts 6:1-7
Alleluia of the Feast — Tone 8 (p. 180)
Gospel: Mark 15:43-16
Exaltation and Irmos (p. 167)
[in place of “It is truly just...”]
Paschal “Our Father” (p. 167)
Communion Hymn (p. 177)
Celebrant Fr. Lee Gross
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Christ is risen! + Indeed, He is risen!
Christos voskrese! + Voistinnu voskrese!
Christos anesti! + Alithos anesti!
Christus resurrexit! + Vere resurrexit!

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Marge Rusnak for her parents, +Michael and +Margaret Rusnak. *Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!*
When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, You destroyed Hades by the brilliance of Your Divinity; and when You raised the dead from the depths of the earth, all the heavenly powers cried out” O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to you. ”
— Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 2)

■ **Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers** — Today is the Third Sunday of Pascha. It is known as the Sunday of Ointment-Bearers and of Joseph of Arimathea.
In the beginning of His public life Jesus often went to Galilee where He performed many miracles. A group of holy women followed Him around, ministering to Him out of their own resources. They even accompanied Him to the foot of the Cross. On the morning of the third day after His death they came to the tomb bearing ointments to embalm His body.
Seven of them are known by name: Mary Magdalene; Mary, mother of James and wife of Cleophas; Joanna, the wife of Chusa, who was a steward to Herod Antipas; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee; Suzanna; and Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus.
Two secret disciples of Christ are also commemorated: Nicodemus, the leader of the Pharisees who came to visit Jesus at night and believed in Him, as told in the third chapter of the Gospel according to

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Epiphany of Our Lord
Byzantine Catholic Church



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Our community...
was established in October 1996 to meet the spiritual needs of Byzantine Catholics living in northern Montgomery County, southern Frederick County, and adjoining areas.

We celebrate our faith...
in a diverse community. We welcome all, regardless of ethnic or religious background who are committed to develop a deeper understanding of the Christian faith expressed in the Byzantine tradition and spirituality, and who wish to pray and work towards the full communion of the Catholic and Orthodox Churches as sister Churches of the One Universal Church of Jesus Christ.

We continually resolve...
to gather in His Name, share the truth of our Faith, and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to everyone.

Please Remember

"Is anyone among you sick? ...the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up."

James 5:14-15 NKJV/OSB

OUR MISSION COMMUNITY

- Ron Pytel.
- Maggie and Robert Karam.
- Lou Shanks.
- Rosemary Chisarick.
- Doris Fejka.

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Michael Maffett.
- Christine and Norman Dennis.
- Peggy Winkelmann.
- Laura Hinkle.
- Doran Coady.
- Ann Tracy.
- Travis Waters.
- Bertha Bergan.
- Arlene Kollar.
- Jamee Kruse.
- Joseph and Nancy Dillmann.
- Paul and Mary Ellen Sorensen.
- Tony Tworkoski.
- Linda Oros.
- Mike DiMarino.
- Robert Kreger.
- Robert Diethrich.
- Lucy Fontenot
- Patricia and Peter Minihane.
- Brother Joseph Comber, CFX.

SPECIAL INTENTION

- Elizabeth Basarab.
- Fr. Francis Martin.
- Sally Pekarik.
- Fr. Conan Timoney



Pray for Our Community

"Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts; Look down from heaven and see, and visit this vine and the vineyard which Your right hand has planted, and the branch that You made strong for Yourself."

Psalms 80:14-15 NKJV/OSB



Food Pantry

Our community places a food collection basket near the information table as you enter the gymnasium. Don't forget those who are less fortunate. Nonperishable food items, diapers, baby food, and personal care items are always in demand. The Food Pantry Program, administered by St. Martin of Tours Roman Catholic Church in Gaithersburg, supports the working poor of our area.



"...for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to Me. ...Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

Matthew 25:35-36, 40 NKJV/OSB

*Christus ist auferstanden!
Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!*

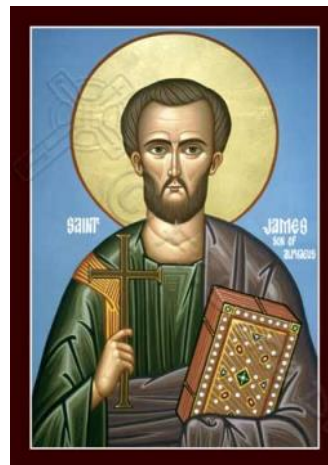
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St. John; and Joseph of Arimathea, a rich and noble citizen of Ramah, or Arimathea. After Christ died, Joseph had the courage to claim His body and place it in his own new tomb.

"Today all things are filled with light—earth and heaven and the world beneath. Let all creation celebrate the resurrection of Christ, In Him is the firm foundation of all things."

— Excerpt from the Third Ode of Pascha Matins



Also Commemorated Today

— On this date, April 30, the Byzantine Church commemorates St. James the Greater, Apostle and brother of St. John the Theologian, who was beheaded by King Herod Agrippa in

Jerusalem A.D. 43.

■ **Paschal Greeting** — From now until the Feast of the Ascension, we greet each other with the Paschal proclamation: *"Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!"* In Old Church Slavonic, it is transliterated as *"Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese!"* In Greek, it is transliterated as *"Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!"*

■ **Abstinence** — Friday, May 5, is designated by the Byzantine Church as a day of penance. Abstaining from meat or performing an appropriate act of penance is prescribed.

■ **Paschal Traditions** — As a sign of the joy that is ours in the Resurrection, we do not kneel from Easter Sunday until Pentecost for any of the liturgical services, because the time of penance is completed, and joy now reigns. We stand instead of kneeling, and we stand whenever *"Christ is risen..."* is sung. We sit at the Epistle and homily. Individuals may sit at the litanies, the First and Second Antiphons and the Troparia. You may sit at other times if you have physical limitations.

■ **Pray for Our Suffering Church** — Many Christian clergy, religious, and laity have been killed by Islamic radicals. Please pray for all those afflicted by these barbaric acts and for the conversion and forgiveness of the perpetrators. *Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!*

"O God of spirits and of all flesh, you trampled death and broke the power of the devil and granted life to Your world. Now grant rest, O Lord, to the soul of your departed servants in a place of light, joy, and peace where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning."

— From the Litany for the Deceased

Last Week's Liturgy

April 23, 2017

Attendance: 24 Souls

I ask you, how can God's love survive in a man who has enough of this world's goods yet closes his heart to his brother when he sees him in need?

Little children, let us love in deed and in truth and not merely talk about it.

1 Timothy 6:18-19